

**EARLY EDUCATION**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the quality of early childhood learning programs, focusing on the importance of early childhood cognitive development, after receiving testimony from First Lady Laura Bush.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Michael J. Melloy, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Robert E. Blackburn, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, James E. Gritzner, to be United States District

Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, Cindy K. Jorgenson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Richard J. Leon, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Jay C. Zainey, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Melloy and Mr. Gritzner were introduced by Senators Grassley and Harkin and Representative Leach, Mr. Blackburn was introduced by Senators Campbell and Allard, Ms. Jorgenson was introduced by Senator Kyl, Mr. Leon was introduced by Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, and Mr. Zainey was introduced by Senators Breaux and Landrieu, and Representative Townsend.

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## House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Measures Introduced:** 13 public bills, H.R. 3622–3634; 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 302–308, and H. Res. 335 were introduced. **Page H78**

**Reports Filed:** No reports were filed today.

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Shimkus to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H39**

**Fixed Interest Rates for Student Loans:** The House passed S. 1762, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish fixed interest rates for student and parent borrowers and to extend current law with respect to special allowances for lenders by a yea-and-nay vote of 372 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 4—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H43–48**

H. Res. 334, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. **Pages H41–43**

**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of January 29. **Page H48**

**Meeting Hour—Tuesday, January 29:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Friday, January 25 it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29 for morning hour debate. **Page H49**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, January 30. **Page H49**

**Discharge Petition on Campaign Finance Reform—Motion Placed on Calendar:** Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XV with a majority of the total membership of the House having signed Discharge Petition No. 3, Turner motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from consideration of H. Res. 203, providing for consideration of H.R. 2356, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform, the motion was referred to the Calendar of Motions to Discharge Committees. **Pages H76–77**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H39.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H47–48. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

***Committee Meetings*****DESTRUCTION—ENRON-RELATED DOCUMENTS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the destruction of Enron-related documents by Anderson personnel. Testimony was heard from the following officials of Andersen LLP: Dorsey L. Baskin, Jr., Managing Director, Professional Standards Group; C.E. Andrews, Global Managing Partner, Assurance and Business Advisory; Nancy Temple, Attorney; and Michael C. Odom, Audit Partner.